

COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Girma

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 22 April to 2 May 1953

25X1A DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 26 May 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

25X1X SOURCE [REDACTED]

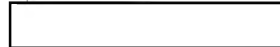
- 25X1X [REDACTED] 1. On 2 May 1953, the Elsner Kaserne in Girma was occupied by about 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Three x 76.2-mm artillery pieces, 9 trucks, 1 ambulance [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] towing a 76.2-mm gun were seen in the billeting area and later seen en route toward Leipzig. Four x 82-mm mortars were also seen in the barracks installation. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the barracks installation [REDACTED] 25X1B
- 25X1B 2. On 2 May 1953, the Strassburg Kaserne was occupied by 200 to 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two T-44 tanks, 1 armored personnel carrier and 3 trucks were seen in the billeting area. [REDACTED] 25X1B
- 25X1B 3. On 2 May, the Strassburg Kaserne was occupied by about 80 to 100 troops. Sentries at the gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. The second gate was boarded up. Only some officers and EM were seen in the billeting area. There was no training activity. The garages were closed, as far as source could determine. Two trucks were seen in the billeting area. There was also no training activity on the training grounds near the barracks installation. [REDACTED] 25X1B
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- 25X1B 4. On 2 May, the Elsner Kaserne housed 40 to 50 soldiers. A sentry was observed on Meining Strasse. No activity was noticed at the installation. Some EM were seen. Some of the garages which source could approach were open and empty. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen in traffic from and to the installation. 25X1B
5. A resident stated that the troops had left between 15 and 20 April 1953.

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

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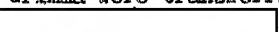

6. On 2 May, a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood guard in front of the Amtshauptmannschaft building. Several hospitalized soldiers were seen in the billeting area. The school building was closed. No sentries were seen there.¹

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1.  Comment. The units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in  Grimma were transferred to Koenigsbrueck after 13 April.

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 . Since then, rear units with varying  strengths have been reported from the installation.

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